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1. A clandestine workers' movement is developing in El Salvador, with the goal of founding a new labor party. The name Partido de Oposicion Democratica was proposed and adopted at a meeting on 24 August and the party was declared in existence. Little further organizational detail was enacted, but rather left for a future meeting.
2. The tenor of the meeting was one of urgency, and a lack of definite preparation. Discussion leaders were the University students Abelardo Torres, Amilcar Martinez and Antonio Diaz Zelaya. The point stressed was that the time had come for such an organization to be formed, and that an ideological program would soon be presented. Source indicated that the urgency implied might be in answer to Julio Fausto Fernandez' call for abstention from voting and the organization of a workers' party. It might, however, be a political maneuver on the part of Rodolfo Jimenez Barrios to organize a party to back Colonel Ascencio Menendez or even to go along with President Castaneda's plans for continuing in office.
3. Among those present at the meeting, in addition to those mentioned in paragraph 2, were:

Mauricio Alvarado
Raul Anaya
David Hernandez Echegoyen
Ulises Flores
Gilberto Lara

Jose Francisco Ulloa
Yolanda Barrero
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